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1. An Aprista group has been active in Santiago, Chile, since shortly after the successful Odria coup d'etat in Peru and the subsequent outlawing of the Aprista Party in that country. In December 1948, the following individuals were elected to the Executive Committee of the Peruvian Aprista Party group in Santiago:

Secretary General
Secretary of Interior
Secretary of Foreign Relations
Secretary of Organization
Press Secretary
Propaganda Secretary
Secretary of Social Assistance
Secretary for Economy
Trade Union Secretary
Secretary for Student Affairs

Isaac Espinosa Recabarren
Guillermo Cabrera Charon
Guillermo Vargas Leon
Carlos A. Butron
Ugo Otero
Roberto Martinez
Meri Coppo
Andres de la Cruz
Arturo Jauregui
Gregorio Paredes

2. Apparently under the direction of Propaganda Secretary Roberto Martinez, a news service called Servicio Aereo Columbus (SAC) was formed and has sent a constant stream of propaganda material to many of the Latin American countries. Active in the propaganda work of the Servicio Aereo Columbus are Roberto Martinez, Manuel Seoane, Andres de la Cruz, and Arturo Jauregui of the Confederacion Internacional de Trabajo (CIT). The Santiago Peruvian Aprista group uses the Amunategui 91 second floor offices of the CIT.
3. The APRA leaders in Santiago are reportedly in close contact with Aprista elements now residing in Arica.

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The Chilean government recently warned both the Peruvian and Bolivian exiles in Arica that they should engage in no activities of a conspiratorial nature aimed at either the Peruvian or Bolivian governments. It is not thought that this warning to the Peruvian refugees was intended to be taken too seriously. Chile would not be displeased should there be any internal disturbances in Peru arising from clever and successful activities by these political refugees. However, the government does not wish to give the Peruvian government an opportunity to accuse Chile of aiding political exiles to stir up trouble in that country.

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